



*We learn. We show respect.  
We are safe.*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

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## Clunes Primary School Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

**Term 4 Draft #5 Calendar on the back page**

**Parent Opinion Online Survey**- available for completion until tomorrow - Nov 13. You will have all received a Clunes PS password and instructions via email two weeks ago. We sincerely appreciate and require your feedback! Please let us know when you have completed the Survey. Your family’s name will be placed into a ballot to win a voucher to use at Widow Twankey’s. We will inform you of the winner after Nov 13. Thank you!

Please continue to contact the school/ Sonia with any questions or concerns. Be safe!

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Prep Transition  
2021**



Our regular Pre-school to Primary School Transition Program has been altered slightly this year in order to meet Department of Education guidelines regarding COVID-19 restrictions (for both Pre-School and Primary School settings).

Last Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm, our School Captains Benji and Reece and Ms. Jardine visited Clunes Pre-School to meet and greet the Pre-School students. The students were presented with a Clunes Primary School Tour by virtual reality! The four School Captains had made their own movie of the school for the students to watch and it was very engaging and entertaining! An individual Social Story introducing Clunes Primary School was also provided for each child.

Miss Dargaville and Mrs. B then visited Clunes Pre-School the next morning to begin to get to know our Prep 2021 students.

We still hope to be able to conduct small group on-site sessions for our enrolled (Dept of Ed rules) 2021 Prep students on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We will be able to confirm this as these dates get closer. At this stage it is our intention to conduct a ‘regular’ State-wide Transition Day session on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please complete Prep 2021 enrolments asap. Under the current Department of Education COVID-19 rules, a child must be enrolled at their future school in order to be able to actively participate on-site in the school’s Prep 2021 Transition program.**

**Thank you for your support and understanding. 😊** We will endeavour to keep families fully informed of program changes as restrictions continue to ease.

Please contact Sonia at school with any questions or concerns.

**Wishing you all a positive fortnight ahead! Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our You Can Do It focus for Term 4 is ...  
**Confidence!**

Prep B – Alastair, Logan	1/2B – Bella, Isaac
2/3LM – Oliver, Sigh	3/4L – Zarah, Audrey
5/6AT – whole class, Sienna	5/6D – Brett, Cloe M
Principal's Award - Summer & Chloe W - wonderful Buddy support!	PE & Health-



Education  
and Training

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

As students in both mainstream and specialist settings recommence on-site learning in Term 4, I want to thank you all for your efforts during this challenging time. I also want to reassure you that the health, wellbeing and safety of children, young people and those involved in their education continues to be of paramount importance. Throughout the pandemic we have closely monitored the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on schools; the strategies that can be implemented in schools to reduce risk; and the health impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on children and young people, including those with a disability or complex medical condition.

Research by Murdoch Children's Research Institute found that coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in schools is uncommon when community transmission is low. A [summary report](#) of these findings is available to read. With declining case numbers in the community, I am confident that the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in mainstream and specialist schools is very low, when we have in place a range of health and safety measures.

The health and safety measures recommended for schools focus on the strategies we know are most effective. These include ensuring unwell staff and students remain home, good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning and wearing face masks (only mandatory for those 12 years and over attending high schools). Temperature screening is not currently recommended for schools, given low levels of community transmission. I encourage you to read the [health and safety advice for schools](#) for further information on what schools are doing to keep students and staff safe.

The most important thing I ask of every family this term is to keep your child home from school if they have even the mildest coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and to get tested as soon as possible. Staying home when unwell is one of our strongest measures to limit the spread of the virus. For more information on what to do if your child is unwell, see this [fact sheet](#).

The good news is that evidence continues to show that children are less impacted by the virus, and are less likely to develop severe illness. Additional [advice for families](#) has been developed for those with medical vulnerabilities to support decision making about on-site learning at this time.

Working together to implement COVIDSafe strategies, I am confident Victoria's students can continue to safely attend school throughout Term 4.

**Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton**

Victorian Chief Health Officer



Logan –Prep B won with 'Fast and Furious'



Xaiden-Lee's snail 'Random' won the 5 /6D race and then backed it up by winning the 'Champion of Champions' race!



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1 /2B- Heidi's winning snail!

Isla's 'Turbo' came 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tobias' snail was 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Riley 2/3LM trained 'Slimy' exceptionally well!



Jayda's snail came 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Amelia's 'Spark' won the 3 /4L race!

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Elijah's 'Melt' won the 5 /6AT race... a one 'snail' (horse) event. 😊



Riley and Archie received the School Values trophy as they provided and had trained the majority of event racers!

Terrific sharing and team spirit boys! Thank you!

Other wonderful Prep snail names included: 'Jasper', 'Geoff' 'Holey Moley', 'Low Low', 'Smart Cookie' 'Creeper', 'Fire Bolt' and 'John Deere 4' & 'John Deere 100' ☺

## Remembrance Day 11 November



At 11am on November 1918 the Great War; World War 1, came to an end. More than 60,000 Australians were among the millions of men and women who lost their lives. Since then, Australian men and women have continued to risk their lives serving in our defence forces.

1. Sister Rachael Pratt represents the service of women in the defence force. She served in the Gallipoli campaign and was later awarded a Military Medal for bravery whilst serving under fire on the Western Front in France.
2. Lieutenant Alexander Finnie represents the Royal Australian Air Force; the RAAF, who served with the AIF at Gallipoli. He was evacuated from Gallipoli with gas poisoning and was later killed in France as a pilot with the 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.
3. Private Frederick James Adams, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, represents the Australian Army. He was killed in action during the landings at Gallipoli on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1915.
4. Finally Commander Leighton Bracegirdle represents the Royal Australian Navy. He commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, in 1915.

In the Gallery, in our school, the Roll of Honour sits in pride of place as you enter the Main Building. On the board, there are the names of 305 courageous people who served in the Great War; World War 1. These people attended our school; Clunes Primary School, when they were students.

Please pause as you walk past the Honour Board and remember these brave men and women.

Australia Remembers

Clunes Primary School Remembers

Lest We Forget

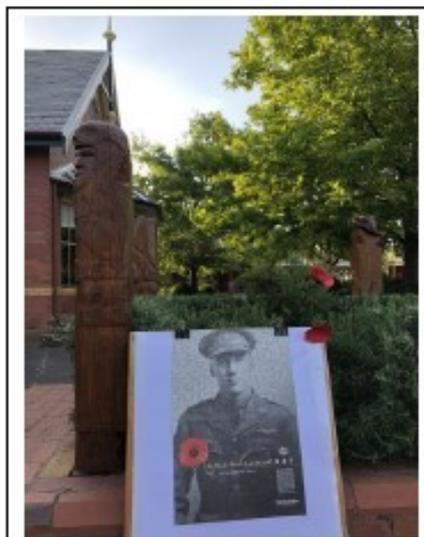
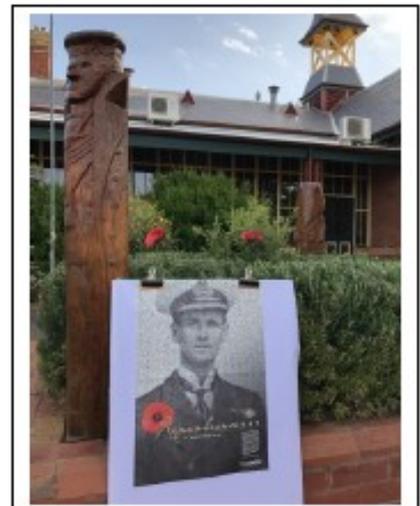
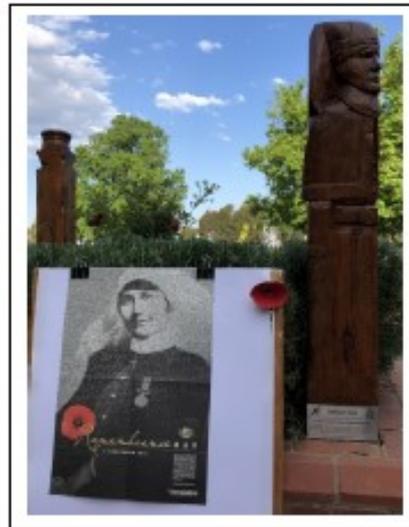


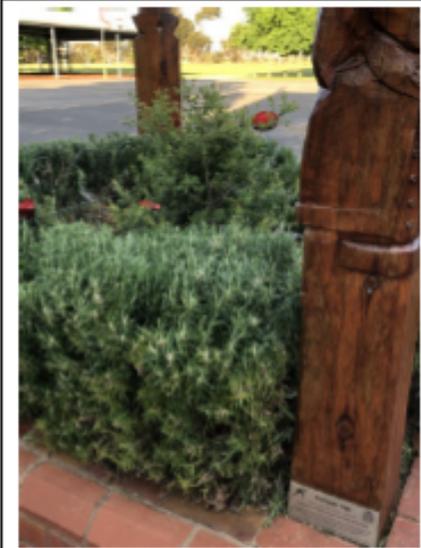
### Lest We Forget

Clunes Primary School

School Community 2020

This year our School Captains led a whole school 10am Remembrance Day Service at school.





**Reece H-D read this piece of prose that she wrote herself during Learning from Home.**

We stand as the clock strikes 11.  
We remember the sacrifices made.  
We honour the ones who came home.

The 11<sup>th</sup> of November is a day for the average person to be remembered as a hero.  
No one says heroes don't have scars.

War affected people in a way like no other. To take another man's life, for whole battalions to be wiped out in one go, wondering day after day whether you'd be the next; those scars are deep.

The 11<sup>th</sup> of November is a day that opens wounds, an everlasting reminder of the hurt felt so long ago.

Many returned service man and women grieved in silence, not attending services, Too afraid of showing their emotion. Instead they reflected upon experiences internally, away from the crowds.

This year, like many service men and women, we too will commemorate Remembrance Day behind closed doors, remembering the sacrifices with the family closest to us.

Even though we won't commemorate Remembrance Day the same as years gone by, doesn't mean that ANZAC spirit is lost.

We stand as the clock strikes 11.  
We remember the sacrifices made.  
We honour the ones who were lost.  
We salute the ones who came home.

### **The Poppy (read at the town Service)**

I am not a badge of honour,  
I am not a racist smear,  
I am not a fashion statement,  
To be worn but once a year,  
I am not glorification  
Of conflict or of war.  
I am not a paper ornament  
A token,  
I am more.

I am a loving memory,  
Of a father or a son,  
A permanent reminder  
Of each and every one.

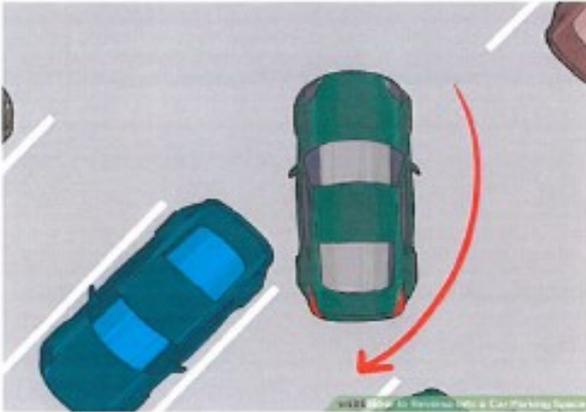
I'm paper or enamel  
I'm old or shining new,  
I'm a way of saying thank you,  
To every one of you.

I am a simple poppy  
A Reminder to you all,  
That courage faith and honour,  
Will stand where heroes fall.

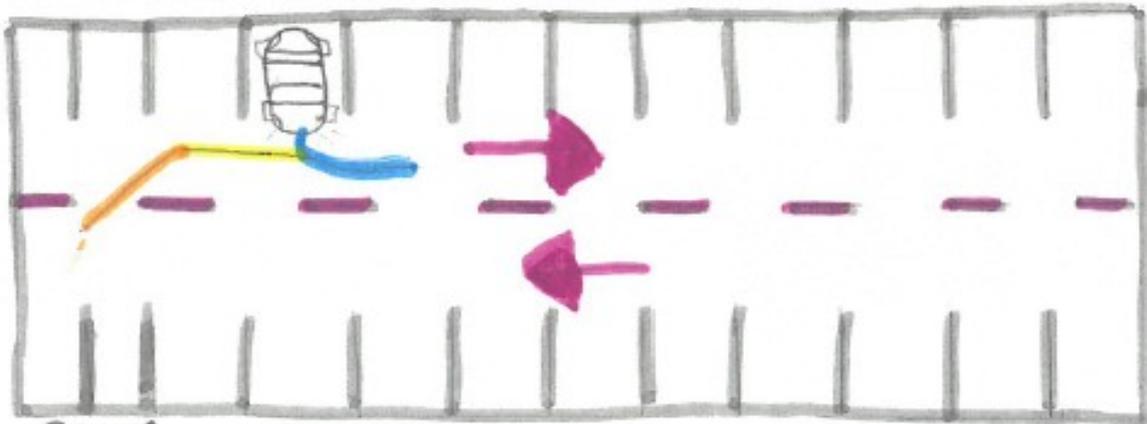


# REVERSING ILLEGALLY

We have noticed parents are reversing illegally and parking illegally.



Reversing in a car-park is illegal in Victoria



- Step 1
- Step 2
- Step 3

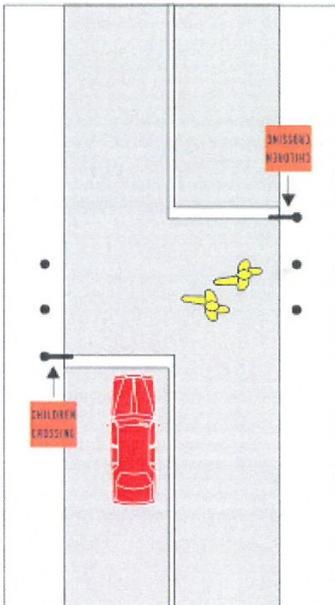
Parents are reversing out onto the wrong side of the road

**BY CHLOE W AND LILLY W**

A reminder that children NOT attending the swimming program must be picked up from school 15 minutes before the other students leave school.  
Departure times: P-2 10:45am, 3/4 11:45am, 5/6 12:45pm

# CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

Driver stopped at stop line for pedestrians on a children's crossing with children crossing flags



A friendly reminder for those who drive their children to school and for pedestrians who use the children's crossing.

Children's crossings are only in operation when flags are displayed.

When flags are displayed, drivers must not proceed through the crossing if children or adults are still on the crossing or about to start crossing.

**This is the law regardless of the presence of a crossing supervisor.**

When children's crossings flags are not displayed, pedestrians should give way to passing road traffic.

Drivers should always use caution when approaching children's crossings when children are present.

**REMEMBER...**

**Around the school is 40km/h AT ALL TIMES**



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

### What you need to know

#### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

#### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

#### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

#### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

## Narratives in Grade 1/2B

In grade 1/2B, students have been encouraged to make their writing more engaging by combining adjectives and nouns to help 'paint' a more interesting picture for the reader. Bella and Pepper have kindly shared their examples below.

By Bella Portelli-Robertson Grade 2 5/11/20

It was a thundery day and there was a girl in a cage.  
The cage was in the sky and there was an angry bird.  
The girl was frightened and her hair was up. There was lots of birds, but one bird was angry, very angry.

But she had a pin so she pushed it in the lock and it worked and the bird didn't know.

The girl had a plan. There was stuff floating. She was going to make wings with the stuff floating around. Then she flew out but the bird was flying after her, then she used her jetpack. Then she found a beautiful island. When she looked behind her the bird was gone so she kept going.

She said the island was good, but then the bird came back. But she was brave, she kicked the bird then the bird went back to his home and was scared of her. He never came back.



Pepper VanGeloven 5/11/20



Amelia is a timid girl who lives in a pretty village in the forest of enchanted creatures. One day Amelia went for a walk in the forest and found a very big tree that she could climb. So she climbed it but when she got to the top a flock of crows took her into the sky. The wind blew as Amelia drifted on the flock of birds and fell asleep.

Amelia woke up and found herself in a cage. "Let me out, let me out" she yelled rattling the cage. Then eight small crows and one very big crow came. Amelia shivered and stepped back. "Don't hurt me", she said in a shiver. "I won't" the big crow said in an evil voice, and they flew away.

Amelia still felt scared but she had to escape from the evil crows. Amelia sat in the cage and pondered for a long time, she did not know how to escape so she gave up, until a voice came to her and said "Amelia I believe in you." "Who are you and how do you know my name?" "I may reveal that once I have saved you", said the voice. Then a beautiful woman appeared on a branch. Amelia stared in amazement and then the woman floated over to Amelia. "Do you know where the key is?" She said. "No" Said Amelia "but I do know where the evil queen's palace is." So the woman went to steal the key.

In the tallest tower was the place where the key was, so the woman stole it and let Amelia free from the cage. Amelia and the woman floated home on a cloud. "Now can you tell me your name?" said Amelia. "Yes" said the woman, "my name is Lily". And just as she said that they reached home. Amelia said goodbye and then ran back to her village.

The end.



# KITCHEN GARDEN COMPETITION



The Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society (BAPS) is running a Kitchen Garden Competition across the City of Ballarat.

**What is a Kitchen Garden?** A kitchen garden is where herbs and vegetables are grown around the house for household use. Typically, they are small vegetable gardens, tended regularly, and designed to connect aesthetically with the design of your yard and home. They are not only productive but are pretty too!

We know Ballarat has some amazing kitchen gardens and we hope to see them!

4 categories are available to enter:

1. Best Kitchen Garden
2. Best Organic Kitchen Garden
3. Best Compact Kitchen Garden
4. Best Children's Kitchen Garden

**Prizes:**

Prizes to be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category as follows:

	1. BEST KITCHEN GARDEN 	2. BEST ORGANIC GARDEN <b>Lambley Nursery &amp; Gardens</b>	3. BEST COMPACT KITCHEN GARDEN <b>Formosa Gardens Nursery</b>	4. BEST CHILDREN'S KITCHEN GARDEN 
1ST	\$250 Growmaster Ballarat Gift Voucher	\$250 Lambley Gardens & Nursery Gift Voucher	\$100 Formosa Gardens Nursery Gift Voucher	\$50 Avalon Nursery Gift Voucher
2ND	\$100 Growmaster Ballarat Gift Voucher	\$100 Lambley Gardens & Nursery Gift Voucher	\$50 Formosa Gardens Nursery Gift Voucher	\$25 Avalon Nursery Gift Voucher
3RD	Family Pass to 2021 BAPS Event	Family Pass to 2021 BAPS Event	1 x Ticket to 2021 BAPS Event	1 x Ticket to 2021 BAPS Event

**Entry Fee:** \$5.00 (Best Children's Kitchen Garden Entry FREE)

**Competition Rules:**

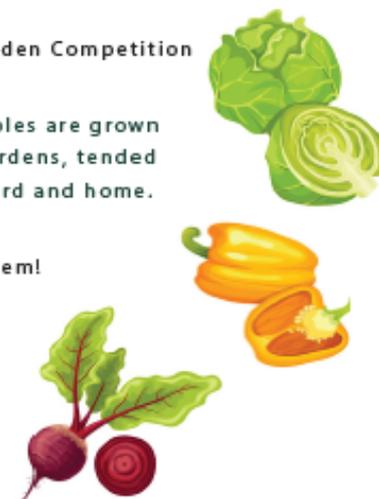
- Restricted to one category per household
- Only one entry per household, except if also entering the Best Children's Kitchen Garden Category
- Entries are limited to residential kitchen gardens and must not be for commercial purposes.
- Best Kitchen Garden is open to any residential entry. The kitchen garden is not limited in size.
- Best Organic Kitchen Garden must be free of artificial or synthetic fertilizers or pesticides.
- Best Compact Kitchen Garden must be smaller than 1.5M x 1.5M and may include vegetables grown in containers e.g. pots or half barrels.
- Best Children's Kitchen Garden is open to children 12 years and under as at 31 December 2020.
- Community Kitchen Gardens may enter but must be a specified 'patch' with a perimeter and managed/ maintained solely by the entrant.
- Gardens must be managed by the household and not tended to by employed gardeners.
- Entries only accepted from the City of Ballarat region (as defined by council boundaries).
- Judging will take place between Saturday 5th December – Wednesday 8th December 2020.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the judging period.

**Judging:**

- The competition will be judged by a panel of judges.
- Finalists will be notified to arrange a time for judges to visit and judge their Kitchen Garden (in line with government COVID-19 regulations that are in place at the time).

Entry forms are available on overleaf, from [www.ballaratshow.org.au](http://www.ballaratshow.org.au),  
or contact the Society's office on 03 5338 1877.

**Entries must be received by close of business 27th November 2020**





## HEAD LICE



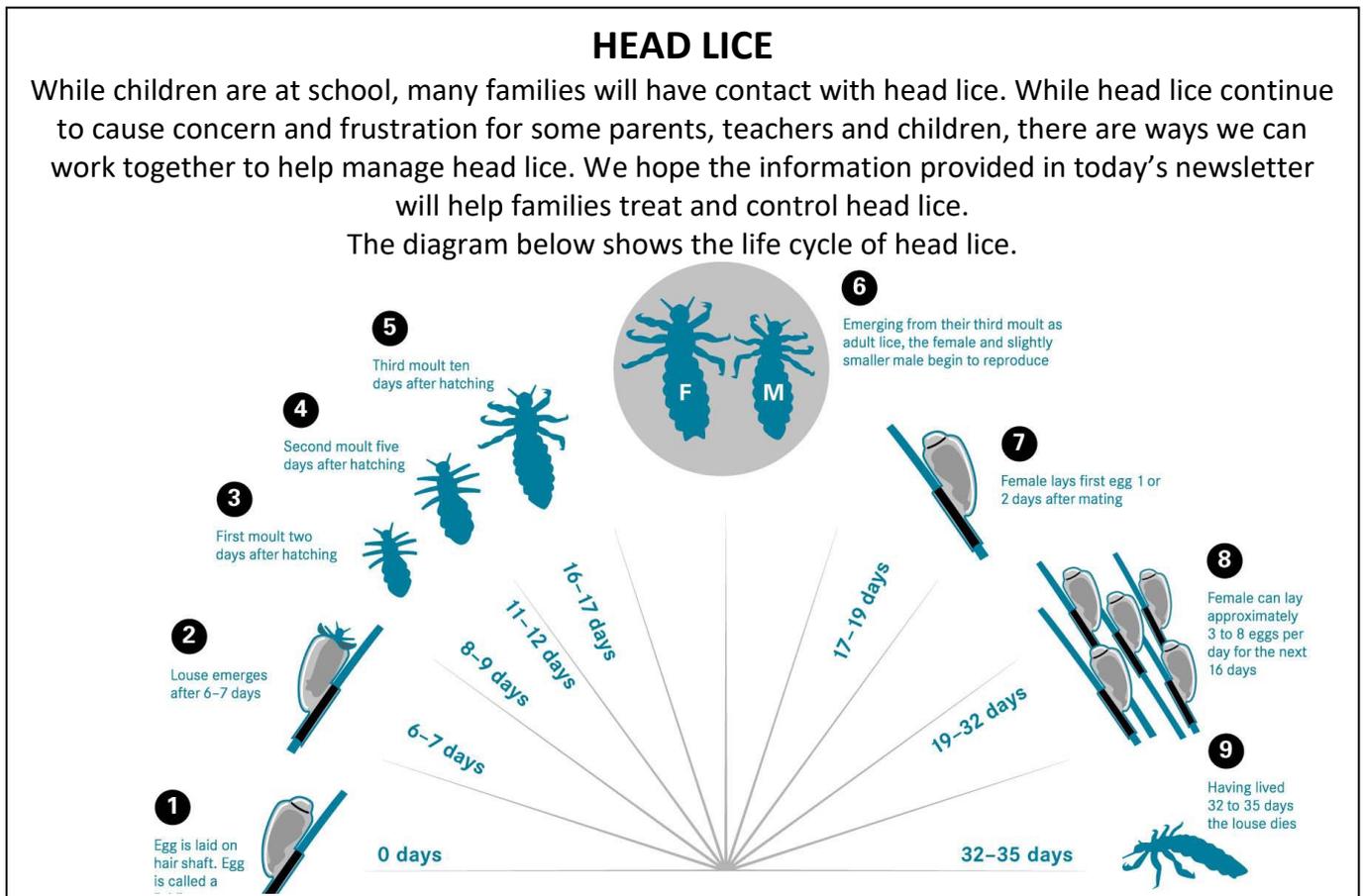
While children are at school, many families will have contact with head lice. While head lice continue to cause concern and frustration for some parents, teachers and children, there are ways we can work together to help manage head lice.

**Our school policy for managing head lice is outlined below:**

- When head lice have been noticed in your child’s class, a note is sent home with all children in the class letting parents know and requesting parents check their child’s hair and if necessary, commence treatment.
- Children who have head lice are excluded from school until treatment has commenced. If head lice are noticed when your child is at school, families will receive a phone call from the school asking you to collect your child so he/she can be treated at home.
- Our school conducts head lice checks from time to time for those children who have permission

The diagram below shows the life cycle of head lice and just how long head lice will be present.

**It is very important that treatment is commenced straight away and that daily checks are conducted and all eggs removed. Talk with your chemist or health centre about effective treatments.**



**Term 4 Calendar – Draft #5 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 new information highlighted ☺**

WEEK 1	Mon	5-Oct	
	Wed	7-Oct	Clunes PS students return to school! (not Mon 12/10) School Bus ✓ from now on for the term. HATS! ☺
	Fri	9-Oct	NO Breakfast Club or LUNCH ORDERS until further Notice
WEEK 2	Mon	13-Oct	Walk to School begins again! 8.30am at Queen's Park playground JSC Meeting (1)
	Tue	14-Oct	School Council Meeting –online method
	Wed	15-Oct	Newsletter- then back to fortnightly from now on
	Fri	16-Oct	Parent Opinion Survey may be completed
WEEK 3	Mon	19-Oct	Book Week! Theme - Curious Creatures/ Wild Minds
	Tue	20-Oct	Years 3-6 Day Camp- Log Cabin Camp- Creswick
	Wed	21-Oct	School Review- Panel Day
	Thu	22-Oct	Book Week- Favourite character dress up, Parade & Focus Day!
	Fri	23-Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- State-wide pre AFL Grand Final (Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct)
	Tues	27-Oct	SSG Meetings - new date due to Day Camp
	Thurs	29-Oct	
	Fri	30-Oct	World Teacher's Day
WEEK 5	Mon	2-Nov	
	Tues	3-Nov	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – State-wide Melbourne Cup
	Wed	4-Nov	School Photo Day-regular photo day process may be followed. School Captains & Ms. Jardine visit to the Clunes Pre-School 1pm to meet and greet and present a virtual Clunes PS School Tour.
	Thurs	5-Nov	Kinder Transition session (1) 9am Clunes PS staff visit <u>TO</u> the Kinder
	Fri	6-Nov	Annual Snail Races- lunchtime (12.30pm- Prep B)
WEEK 6	Mon	9-Nov	Year 6 – Resilience & Transition sessions this week
	Tue	10-Nov	JSC Meeting (2)
	Wed	11-Nov	School Council Meeting –online
	Fri	13-Nov	Parent Opinion Survey closes! Thank you for completing the Online survey. Have you entered the ballot for a prize? ☺
WEEK 7	Mon	16-Nov	Swimming Program- P-6 begins. Details have been forwarded to all Families. If NOT Swimming please collect your child 15 mins before scheduled bus departing school time. (details in Newsletter)
	Tue	17-Nov	
	Wed	18-Nov	
	Thurs	19-Nov	Kinder Transition session (2) 9-11am- small group on-site session (if possible) TBC
	Fri	20-Nov	
WEEK 8	Mon	23-Nov	Swimming
	Tue	24-Nov	
	Wed	25-Nov	Life Education – tentative planned lessons
	Thu	26-Nov	Life Education – tentative planned lessons
	Fri	27-Nov	
WEEK 9	Mon	30-Nov	Swimming
	Tue	1-Dec	JSC Meeting (3)
	Wed	2-Dec	
	Thu	3-Dec	Kinder Transition session (3) 11- 1pm - small group on-site session (if possible) TBC
	Fri	4-Dec	
WEEK 10	Mon	7-Dec	Swimming
	Tue	8-Dec	State-wide Transition Day – 2021 P/ K & Yr 7
	Wed	9-Dec	School Council Meeting 5pm
	Thu	10-Dec	
	Fri	11-Dec	
WEEK 11	Mon	14-Dec	Swimming
	Tues	15-Dec	
	Wed	16-Dec	
	Thu	17-Dec	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri	18-Dec	Last day of 2020 – 1pm finish

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)  
RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE**

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please prepare your children to be collected from an external meeting point.

During drop-off and pick-up of your child remember to keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults.



Please move promptly away from the school grounds.

Everyone 12 years and over entering school grounds must wear a face covering



For detailed information visit:  
<https://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Leaving Clunes PS at the end of this year? Please confirm this with the Office asap as we consider enrolment numbers and class groupings for 2021. Thank you. ☺

**Working Bee**   
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov  
2-4pm

Focus- gutters and storm water drains. School Boundary clearing etc. All in preparation for Fire Prevention.

Please help us!

- Many more events to add in as restrictions ease. ☺